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SUBJECT: ZAIRE'S RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

REF: KINSHASA 8109

1. ON SEPT 25 I ASKED ISRAELI AMB MORATT FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE ZAIRE-ISRAEL RELATIONS IN LIGHT (A) MOBUTU'S SEPT 16 SPEECH (REFTEL) AND (B) HIS FAREWELL AUDIENCE WITH MOBUTU SEPT 20.

2. MORATT SAID AUDIENCE WAS EXTREMELY WARM. HE REVIEWED WITH MOBUTU ISRAEL'S PLANS TO BUILD HOTEL IN KINSHASA AND OTHER PROJECTS. WHEN ASKED IF PRESIDENT WISHED TO SEND MESSAGE TO JERUSALEM MOBUTU SENT EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP (AMITES) AND GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT KATZIM AND PM.

3. TOWARD END OF MEETING, AMB DECIDED RAISE SEP 16 REMARKS TO EFFECT ZAIRE MIGHT CHOOSE BETWEEN FRIEND OR
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BROTHER. AMB SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ZAIRE'S "OPEN DOOR"

POLICY TO MEAN GOZ DESIRES RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES AND RELATIONS WITH ANY ONE STATE NOT CONTINGENT ON RELATIONS WITH ANY OTHER. MOBUTU AGREED AND CRITICIZED SHARPLY CONGO PRESIDENT NGOUABI FOR BREAKING WITH ISRAEL AS RESULT LIBYAN BLANDISHMENTS. IF AND WHEN ZAIRE DECIDED TO REVIEW ITS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL THIS WOULD BE DONE IN LIGHT OF GOZ'S SOVEREIGN INTERESTS AND NOT IN RESPONSE TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES. MOBUTU DISMISSED ALGIERS STATEMENTS ON ME AS BEING INTENDED FOR MASS CONSUMPTION.

4. IN CONFIDENCE, MORATT SAID MOBUTU HAD AGREED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN IN NEW YORK.

5. ON BALANCE, MORATT WAS REASSURED BY HIS FAREWELL MEETING. HE BELIEVES THIS EMBASSY'S REPORTING OF SEPT 16 SPEECH ACCURATELY RENDERS LINGALA ORIGINAL AS CONCERNS ISRAEL. MORATT CONSIDERS MOBUTU TO BE PRACTICAL AND SHREWD LEADER WHO WILL RESIST WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE ANY OUTSIDE INTER-FERENCE. AT SAME TIME, MORATT TEMPERS SOMEWHAT HIS FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT WITH OBSERVATION MOBUTU CURRENTLY OBJECT OF INTENSE PERSONALITY CULT AND PERSONS CLOSE TO HIM MIGHT AT SOME STAGE TRY TO CONVINCE HIM THAT ZAIRE'S SOVEREIGN INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY BREAK WITH ISRAEL.

6. FOR USUN: MORATT DEPARTS HERE OCT 10 AND EXPECTS BE ASSIGNED TO ISRAEL UNGA DEL FOR BALANCE OF CURRENT GA. NEWLIN

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